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ON A NEW VARIETY OF HELIX.

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Among the interesting shells observed recently by Miss Law among the mountains of North Carolina, near Hayesville, is a variety of Helix (*Stenotrema*) *monodon*, Rackett, of which there appears to be no record. The shells in question present the unmistakable characters of *monodon* modified in the following particulars: The whorls are more flattened than usual, making the whole shell flattened and more discoidal than has hitherto been remarked of this species. The periphery is slightly carinate or only obsoletely carinate, specimens varying slightly among each other in this respect. The larger number of specimens are marked with a single, faint, brown band on the periphery, in which respect may be observed a habit comparable with what has heretofore been remarked of banded specimens of *Mesodon elevata*. The presence of this band on some of the shells imparts a somewhat variegated aspect to the superior portion of the shell.

It is scarcely to be presumed that specific characters will be predicated upon the variable features above mentioned, but the *variety* seems to be so well characterized as to deserve a name by which to distinguish it, and I therefore venture to propose for it the following designation, viz., HELIX (*STENOTREMA*) *MONODON*, Rackett, var. *cincta*.

Specimens from near Hayesville, Clay Co., N. C., are herewith presented in the name of Miss Law.